"It has come to my attention that the FCC is considering mandating a new service called Video Assisted Speech-to-Speech. Because I have Cerebral Palsy, and worked as a rehabilitation counselor for several years, I have known many individuals with speech disabilities. Many of them are so unintelligible that they need to be seen to be understood. VID-STS would make the telephone available to them. Telephone access can improve the quality of life and opportunities for employment. This population is extremely isolated partly because of the inability to use the telephone. I strongly encourage the FCC to approve VID-STS."